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Hey David,

Here is an early draft of the language I'm working on for future operation periods. This is NOT for today's submittal and is a draft for future use once we've finalized a plan.

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**Please note: This statement update is for future use and is not intended for today's update.*

Orphan Containers

In the Corpus Christi Area, comprised of Aransas County, Bee County, Calhoun County, De Witt County, Goliad County, Gonzales County, Jackson County, Kleberg County, Lavaca County, Nueces County, Refugio County, San Patricio County, and Victoria County, teams have conducted 105 wide-area assessments to identify orphaned containers. XXX orphan drums and containers were recovered.

Orphan containers, which include drums and tanks, found floating in or washed up near waterways – continue to be gathered by Unified Command, where crews sorted and grouped items by type, prior to shipping them off for safe, proper treatment and disposal.

Site Assessments

Teams have also performed 33 assessments in the Corpus Christi Area of potential or actual discharges from facilities, and 260 assessments of potential or actual discharges from vessels, such as barges. These teams have worked to identify any leaks or spills and responded to accordingly. Along with these assessments staff have documented the most effective means for recover or mitigation.

The Unified Command continues to effectively resources to ensure that response and cleanup activities are timely and efficient while minimizing threats related to oil spills and hazardous materials releases to protect the environment, including pollution threats on the navigable waters and adjoining shorelines. Work will continue to target discharges and spills that have been reported, and the number of reports have significantly decreased. To avoid or minimize additional damage to the sensitive environments within the Corpus Christi Area, both ground and aerial reconnaissance was conducted prior to beginning recovery operations in an area.

Continued Recovery

The Unified Command is recommending initiation of an organized, thoughtful, and gradual reduction in personnel in the field to facilitate a smooth transition back to normal operations with state and local authorities. On September 7, 2017, Texas Governor Abbott created the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas. The EPA agreed to support the Governor's Commission to effectively coordinate the State's effort to recover and rebuild public infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Harvey and will do so under a separate FEMA Mission Assignment for Long-term Recovery if issued by FEMA. The duties of the Commission shall include: assisting local governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to assess and identify rebuilding needs and to navigate state and federal resources available for the rebuilding effort; advocating for the interests of

state and local government on matters related to disaster response; and providing expertise and assistance to local governmental entities and nonprofit organizations throughout the rebuilding process.

To be Updated

The Unified Command has also conducted drinking water and waste water assessments, as well as collected drums, small containers, and large containers at staging pads.

Numbers not included in current draft:

1. Drinking Water and Waste Water Assessments Evaluated by Phone and On-site: waiting on info
2. Waste Received at All Staging Pads to Date: waiting on info

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